

“Am I my brother’s keeper?”
Luke 10:25-37

Principle: Small things done with great love will change the world.

“Wherever you possibly can, do good to those who need it.” Proverbs 3:27

“If someone who is supposed to be a Christian has more money to live on and sees a brother in need but won’t help him, how can God’s love be in him?” 1 John 3:17

Three attitudes from the parable of the Good Samaritan:

1. What’s yours is mine and I’m going to take it
2. What’s mine is mine and I’m going to keep it
3. What’s mine is yours and I’m going to share it.

Principle: Ministry that costs nothing accomplishes nothing.

Six foundational lessons I am learning about love and compassion:

1. Love people now

Why do you attend church?

Three legitimate reasons:

1. Prayer and praise
2. Personal growth
3. Pass it on

“We trust the Lord that you are putting into practice the things we taught you.” 2 Thessalonians 3:4

When we receive without giving, we become fat.
When we give without receiving, we become faint.
When we receive and then give, we become faithful

How to pass on to others what you have learned:

P – Prospect “Who needs what I’ve learned?”
A – Action “When will I pass this on?”
S – Share “How will I share it?”
S – Show “Will I back it up with my life and deeds?”

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

2. Love is vulnerable
3. Love and compassion are powerful
4. Loving my neighbor shows how much I love God

“My command is this: love each other as I have loved you” John 15:12

5. Love is unconditional
6. Love makes a church special

How am I to be my brother's keeper?

1. I am to be my brother's keeper by understanding the grace God has shown me.

Why should we show kindness to others?

1. It is the command of God.
2. It is in the character of God

Principle: You are never more like God than when you give.

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

2. I am to be my brother's keeper by directing my kindness toward strangers who cannot repay me.
3. I am to be my brother's keeper by performing an act of kindness in Jesus' name and for His glory.

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name will certainly not lose his reward.” Mark 9:41

4. I am to be my brother's keeper by planting seeds of the gospel.

“Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which will grow – perhaps it all will.” Ecclesiastes 11:6

“We desire to demonstrate the kindness of God by offering to do some act of humble service with no strings attached.”

“After all, who is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:5, 6

“Father, I confess that I fall way short of loving you and loving others. I am not only selfish; I admit that I am a sinner. I can’t help myself and nothing else seems to work either. Please rescue and redeem me so that I can be healed and forgiven. I believe that you sent your Son Jesus to fulfill the requirements that I cannot keep and right now I receive what He has done for me. I ask you, Lord Jesus, to save me from my sins and it is my desire to follow you for the rest of my life. If there’s anything in my life that you don’t like, please get rid of it. And help me now to go and do likewise for those who have fallen on the path. Give me your compassion and enable me to put my faith into action by serving others.”